औषधियों के अभाव में हजारों रोगियों की मृत्यु हो गयी है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी कुनुदबेन एम० जोशी) : (क) रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय ने सूचित किया है कि अन्त्रशोथ के इलाज के लिये पेचिश रोधी और अतिसार-रोधी दवाइयों की कमी नहीं है ।

(ख) केवल पश्चिम बंगाल, असम, त्रिपुरा और उड़ीसा राज्यों ने अन्त्रशोथ की घटनाओं के बारे में सूचित किया है ।

प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार इन राज्यों में 3290 मौतें हुई बताई गई है ।

Diversion of excess water from Kerala to Tamil Nadu

1009. **SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of water available in the West bound rivers of Kerala according to the estimates of the Central Water Commission;

(b) whether the Commission has also assessed the needs of Kerala for both power and irrigation;

(c) whether there is a proposal to divert excess water available in Kerala to Tamil Nadu on mutually agreed terms; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) A Technical Committee constituted by the Planning Commission in February, 1978 under the Chairmanship of Member (WR), Central Water Commission estimated the total surface water available in the west flowing rivers of Kerala State as 72,251 million cubic metres (MCM) and utilisable yield as 53,323 MCM. The Committee has also broadly assessed the requirements of water from these rivers for power, irrigation and other uses.

(c) and (d) No specific project for diverting waters from west flowing rivers to the east has been proposed as yet. But, a coordination Committee headed by Member (P&P), Central Water Commission with representatives from Kerala and Tamil Nadu has been constituted in 1981 for overseeing and monitoring the investigations to be carried out by the two States for formulating feasible projects.

Circulation Railway for Madras

1010. **SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has constituted a three-member team of officials to study and prepare a feasibility report on circular railway for Madras metropolitan area;

(b) if so, by when the report is likely to be submitted;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Tamil Nadu Government has constituted a high level co-ordination committee in this regard;

(d) whether Government are also aware that the land required for circular railway is mainly Government-owned land;

(e) if so, how much private land has to be acquired for the circular railway; and

(f) what is the amount allocated during the current year for this project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Rail India Technical & Economic Services will conduct preliminary feasibility study for Circular Railway in Madras.

(b) About two months from the date of commencement of survey.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

Improvement in the irrigation potential

1011. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report of the International Institute for Environment and Development has pointed out that improper irrigation has reduced crop yield on half of the world's irrigated land and rendered 25 million hectares of land unfit for production;

(b) if so, what is the assessment of this Institute with regard to non-utilisation or under utilisation of irrigated land in India as compared to Pakistan, Bangladesh, China and Japan; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated by Government in the light of this report to improve the irrigation potential or ensure its full utilisation in the country during the last year of the Sixth Plan and the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) (a) and (b). No information is available on the report referred to by the Hon'ble Members.

(c) Does not arise.

Procurement of Wheat

1012. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets for wheat procurement during the current year in each of the wheat producing States;

(b) what is the quantum of procurement made so far;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the absence of purchases by State and Central Government machinery, a large number of farmers had to make distress sales of wheat at prices lower than the support prices fixed by Government; and

(d) if so, what is the quantity of wheat thus sold by the farmers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Since procurement of wheat at support price takes place under voluntary offers by the farmers, no target of procurement of wheat is fixed.

(b) 91.7 lakh tonnes of wheat as reported on 21st July, 1984, has been procured during the current season.

(c) and (d) No report of distress sale of Fair Average Quality Wheat has been received.

Command Area Development Programme for 1984-86

1013. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved an outlay of Rs. 82 crores for Command Area Development programme for 1984-85 to increase the utilisation of irrigation potential already created and to optimise farm production from irrigated land;